First Member of Council.—

You may think as you like.

BY MR. B. RANGARAJIAH (Minority Interests, Mudgere).—

Q.—19. In connection with the Victoria Hospital, Bangalore, and the Sri Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore, will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of admissions into the wards during the year 1924-25 in each of these institutions.

(*b*) The number of deaths.

(*c*) The total strength and cost of establishment including the pay of the Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, Sub-Assistant Surgeons, Nurses, Compounders, Ward-boys. etc.

(*d*) The cost of medicine, diet and bedding, etc., during the year.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—19.

	VICTORIA HOSPITAL.	SRI KRISHNARAJENDRA HOSPITAL.
(*a*)	3,837	2,835
(*b*)	314	253
(*c*)	131	130
	Rs. 78,716 15 6	Rs. 66,515 2 0
(*d*)	European Medicines—	
	Rs. 20,930 0 0	Rs. 11,670 0 0
	Cost of diet—	
	Rs. 27,733 13 0	Rs. 28,266 6 2
	Cost of bedding and clothing—	
	Rs. 3,993 3 0	Rs. 3,013 5 0
	Cost of Hospital necessaries and contingencies—	
	Rs. 26,251 2 1	Rs. 10,295 5 3

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Sheriff.—

Will the Government be pleased to state whether the cost on account of diet, etc., is uniform in respect of all patients, whether European or Indian?

Second Member of Council.—

Requires notice.

Mr. Mallappa.—

What is the number of Mysoreans and Non-Mysoreans admitted into the Hospitals?

Dewan.—

Information is not available.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Out of the admissions, how many died in the hospitals and how many soon after their discharge from the hospitals?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not possible to furnish the information.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Can Government give the percentage of cures among those admitted into the hospitals?

Dewan.—

This is a very difficult question to answer.

Mr. Byanna.—

For 3,837 patients, the diet charges in the Victoria Hospital amount to Rs. 27,733. But for 2,835 patients in the Sri Krishnarajendra Hospital, they amount to Rs. 28,000. What is this difference due to?

Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments.—

This is due to the difference in the tender rates.

Dewan.—

The matter will be enquired into.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

Why should there be a difference of Rs. 10,000 nearly in the grant to hospital necessaries and contingencies for these two hospitals?

Second Member of Council.—

Government cannot give a definite reply to this question, but enquiries will be made.

Another Member.—

With regard to answer (*c*), will the Government be pleased to state why there should be a strength of 130 in the establishment of the Sri Krishnarajendra Hospital for 2,800 patients, while for 3,837 patients in the Victoria Hospital there are only 131 hands?

Dewan.—

Accommodation, standard of medical aid and many other things have to be taken into consideration in this connection.

BY MR. S. HONNAPPIAH (Chikmaglur Taluk).—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Is it a fact that a coal mine has been found near Kamasamudram (Kolar District)?

(2) Is it a fact that the quality of coal was not good?

(3) From what date the operations were commenced and how long were they continued if it is since abandoned?

(4) (*a*) Was the coal examined by any experts, and if so, who are they?

(*b*) Where was the examination conducted and with what result?

(5) What was the amount of outlay incurred thereon and realisations, if any, therefrom up-to-date?

(6) What are the reports of the experts?

(7) Were the experts paid any bonus or were their services employed for any stipulated period?

(8) From what source this expenditure was met and whether this Assembly or the Legislative Council were consulted; if so, when?

(9) Will the entire correspondence between the experts and the Government be placed on the table for the information of this Assembly?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—20. (1) to (9) The member is referred to the replies given in the Legislative Council to similar interpellations on the subject which are printed as Appendix IV-A.